With riotous feeders[6]; when our vaults have wept With drunken spilth of wine ; when every room Hath blaz'd with lights, and bray'd with minstrelsy; I have retir'd me to a wasteful cock [7], And set mine eyes at flow.

Tni. Pr'ythee, no more.

FLAF. Heavens, have I said, the bounty of this lord!

How many prodigal bits have slaves, and peasants., This night englutted ! Who is not Timon's[8] ?

equally erroneous. It does not follow that because feeders may sometimes have been used to signify servants, that it never should be employed in a more general sense. MALONE. So, in Shirley's Opportunitie:

" Let all the offices of entertainment ' ** Be free and open." BOSWELL.

[6] With riotous FEEDERS ;] *Feeders* are *servants,* whose low de baucheries are practised in the *offices* of a house. See a note on Antony and Cleopatra, vol. xi. p. 328, n. 9: *' — one who looks on *feeders*"" STEEVENS.

[7] — a wasteful cock,] i. e, a *cockloft,* a garret. And a *waste ful cock,* signifies a *garret* lying in *wa&te,* neglected, put to no use, HANMER.

Sir Thomas Hanmer's explanation is received by Dr. Wai-burton, yet I think them both apparently mistaken. A *wasteful cock* is a *cock* or pipe with a turning stopple *running* to *waste.* In this sense, both the terms have their usual meeting ; but I know not that *cock* is ever used for *cockloft,* or *wasteful* for *lying in waste,* or that *lying in waste* is at all a phrase. JOHNSON.

Whatever be the meaning of the present passage, it is certain, that *lying in waste* is still a very common phrase. FARMER.

A *wasteful cock* is what we now call a *toast e pipe;* a pipe which is continually running, and thereby prevents the overflow of cisterns, and other reservoirs, by carrying off their superfluous water. This circumstance served to keep the idea of Timon's unceasing prodigality in the mind of the Steward, while its remoteness from the scenes of luxury within the house, was favourable to meditation, COLLINS.

The reader will have a perfect notion of the method taken by Mr. Pope in his edition, when lie is informed that, for *wasteful cock,* that editor reads—lonely room, MALONE.

[8] Wliq is not Timon's ?] I suppose we ought to read, for the sake of measure:

" Who is not *lord* Timon's ? " STEEVENS.